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PSC ISSUES DECISION IN SBC MISSOURI REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION IN SOME OF ITS EXCHANGES

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has granted in part and denied in part an SBC Missouri, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri request for competitive classification in some of its exchanges under a new state law (SB 237) which took effect on August 28, 2005.

The Commission granted competitive classification for residential services in 26 of the 29 exchanges requested by SBC Missouri. The PSC granted competitive classification for business services in 45 of the 61 exchanges requested by SBC Missouri. SBC Missouri has 160 exchanges in Missouri.

Three exchanges for residential services and 16 exchanges for business services were denied competitive classification as they either did not meet the criteria under a 30-day filing or those exchanges were not included in SBC Missouri's original filing on August 30, 2005. The Commission determined that due process and issues of fundamental fairness require that SBC Missouri name, in its petition, all the exchanges in which it seeks competitive classification in order that interested parties have an opportunity to intervene and respond to the application.

Under competitive classification, SBC Missouri will no longer be subject to price or rate regulation by the PSC. SBC Missouri will be permitted to raise or lower its telephone prices at its own discretion, subject to the marketplace. The PSC will retain its ability to regulate quality of service, service termination and other billing issues.

In this case, state law requires the Commission to issue its decision within 30 days of SBC Missouri's August 30, 2005, filing. Under SB 237, the 30-day criteria for determining competitive classification is based upon the existence of two entities providing basic local telecommunications service, one of which may be a wireless provider, the other a wireline company providing local voice service using facilities in which it has a partial or full ownership interest.

Residential exchanges given competitive classification include: Advance, Bell City, Chesterfield, Delta, Eureka, Farmington, Fenton, Fredericktown, Harvester, Kansas City, Manchester, Monett, Nevada, Pacific, Perryville, Pcochontas-New Wells, Pond, Smithville, Springfield, St. Charles, Ste. Genevieve, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Valley Park, Washington and Wyatt.

Business exchanges given competitive classification include: Antonio, Bonne Terre, Camdenton, Cape Girardeau, Chesterfield, Clever, Eldon, Eureka, Fenton, Farmington, Festus-Crystal City, Flat River, Fredericktown, Fulton, Grain Valley, Gravois Mills, Greenwood, Harvester, Herculaneum-Pevely, High Ridge, Imperial, Jackson, Joplin, Kansas City, Lake Ozark-Osage Beach, Manchester, Marble Hill, Maxville, Monett, Nevada, Pacific, Perryville, Pond, Poplar Bluff, Scott City, Sedalia, Sikeston, Smithville, Springfield, St. Charles, Ste. Genevieve, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Valley Park and Washington.